

Join us for one of the summer's premiere
conferences on gifted and talented education...

July 27 – August 1
Celebrating our 12th Year

Edufest 2008



Edufest is held on the campus of Boise State University in Boise, Idaho in association with Idaho The Association for the Gifted/State Advocates for Gifted Education (ITAG/SAGE) and the Council for Exceptional Children - The Association for the Gifted (CEC-TAG). University credit is available through Boise State and Northwest Nazarene University.

Featuring a Week of Keynote Presentations by Internationally and Nationally Recognized Experts in Gifted and Talented Education



Tamara Fisher & Karen Isaacson
Sunday, July 27

**Keynote: In Their Own Voices:
What Parents, Teachers, and
Gifted Children Have to Say**



George Betts
Monday, July 28

**Keynote: The
Journey of the
Lifelong Learners"**



Felicia Dixon
Tuesday, July 29
**Keynote: Issues in
Secondary Gifted
Education: Gifted
Students Speak Out**



Margo Long
Thursday, July 3
**Keynote: Educating
the Digital Native
to Navigate their
World**



Sally M. Reis
Friday, Aug. 1
**Keynote: Challenging
Talented Readers
with Research-Based
Strategies**

Over 36 week-long presentations by Schoolwide Enrichment Specialists Jann Leppien, CLEAR creator Lawrence Rogien, and dozens of scholars and practitioners in the field of gifted and talented education.

*Also featuring Dr. Susan Baum and Daphne Pereles for Parent Institute (July 26)
And Dr. Susan Baum, Daphne Pereles and Dr. Stephanie Hoffman for
Counselor, Psychologist and Administrator Institute (July 28)*

Plus 36 Week-Long Workshop Presentations

Monday, July 28 -- Thursday, July 31

Session 1: 8:30-10 a.m. (14 different sessions from which to choose)

Session 2: 10:30- noon (13 different sessions from which to choose)

Session 3: 1:30- 3 p.m. (13 different sessions from which to choose)

and Special Topics Presentations

Monday - Wednesday from 3:30 - 5 p.m.

(12 different sessions from which to choose each day)

**Don't Miss this
Exciting Educational
Opportunity for**
•Classroom
Teachers
•Gifted and Talented
Coordinators
•Administrators
•Parents
•Counselors

*"Edufest has made a major impact on my life. It is probably
the single best thing I've done for my career."*

Check out <http://www.edufest.org> for the latest program information on Edufest 2008.



Edufest 2008 Program Preview

Keynote Speakers

Sunday, July 27th, 5:00-7:00 p.m. Tamara Fisher and Karen Isaacson *In Their Own Voices: What Parents, Teachers, and Gifted Children Have to Say*

A dynamic parent/teacher team, Karen Isaacson and Tamara Fisher cover five important themes for parents and teachers of gifted children to consider. Using thought-provoking video clips of gifted children, teachers, and parents of the gifted, they illuminate critical issues that parents and teachers of the gifted encounter on a daily basis - along with advice from their own parenting and teaching experiences for tackling these issues. Why is building a work ethic so important for gifted children? Why is gifted programming necessary for these unique learners? And how can we begin to think outside the box when it comes to initiating real change and appropriate accommodations for gifted students?

Monday, July 28th 6-8:00 p.m. Dr. George Betts *The Journey of the Lifelong Learner*

How can we facilitate students to foster their natural talents and interests to become self-directed in their learning? What skills, concepts and attitudes do they need to become lifelong learners? This motivational keynote provides the basic understanding necessary for facilitating our children and youth to travel the path of lifelong learning.

Tuesday, July 29th, 6:00-8:00 p.m. Dr. Felicia Dixon *Issues in Secondary Gifted Education: Gifted Students Speak Out*

Secondary gifted students experience a variety of issues in their high school years that reveal their thoughts and feelings concerning who they are, what they know, how they learn best, and what curriculum and programmatic concerns they see as especially relevant to advancing (or preventing) their talents and

potential. The keynoter will present and develop the relevant issues and then gifted adolescents will respond to them, offering distinct views that recount their own experiences and what they think would help in re-forming the secondary experience in schools.

Thursday, July 31st, 3:30-5:15 p.m. Margo Long *Educating the Digital Native to Navigate their World*

The challenge in today's classroom and program is for digital immigrants to successfully train our brightest digital natives to venture into the unknown to learn what others will probably neither understand nor want to learn. If we wish for our best and brightest to travel beyond state standards and into unknown territory, to be culturally responsive global citizens, we must be bold with our curriculum and demanding of our learners. Margo will bounce off the wall with suggestions and strategies for digital immigrants to dazzle digital natives.

Friday, August 1st, 8:30-12:00 p.m. Dr. Sally Reis *Challenging Talented Readers with Research-Based Strategies*

Little research has been conducted on talented readers. This session will address issues related to talented readers and will focus on the special needs of this group as well as the specific differentiated strategies necessary to help them continuous progress in reading. Also provided will provide an overview of The Schoolwide Enrichment Model Reading Framework (SEMR). This approach is based on the Enrichment Triad Model (Renzulli, 1977) and was developed to enhance enjoyment in reading, while subsequently increasing student achievement for students at all levels of achievement. The SEMR has three distinct goals, to increase enjoyment in reading, to encourage students to pursue independent reading and to improve reading fluency and comprehension.

Over 36 Week-long Workshop Presentation Topics

Thoreau Moments and More - Nature Journals as Tools for Introspection and Creativity - Writing Marathons- A Writing Race to the Finish! - Math Enrichment Beyond the Textbook - Taming Technology: Engaging your Students with Quality Resources and Activities - Matches for Lighting the Fires - Response to Intervention and Gifted Education - Motivating the reluctant learner: A Multiple Intelligences Approach - More than accommodations: Meeting the need of the 2E learner - Developing a Classroom Program for High Ability Readers - AP and More - Critical Thinking and the Secondary Gifted Adolescent - BEE Curious: Developing Higher Level Thinking - World Mindedness: Our Global Village, Teach the Children Well - Renaissance Thinking ala Leonardo - Teach like your hair's on fire! - The Best Opportunities for Gifted Kids - Guiding Students to Self-Understanding through Literature and Film - Honoring the Social and Emotional Lives of Gifted Youth - Developing Productive and Responsible Global Citizens - Teaching the Underachieving Gifted Student - Social, Emotional & Educational Needs of Twice-Exceptional Students - Educating Gifted Boys; A Differentiation Challenge - Scene It All: Using Media to Enhance Curriculum - Enriching the Young Naturalist - Creating Stimulating Reading and Writing Opportunities for High Ability Language Users - and more topics to choose from.



Registration Form for the weeklong conference

Edufest 2008

Registration Deadline - July 18, 2008

Name Mr. / Mrs. / Ms. / Dr. _____

First Name to be Used as Your Badge Name _____

Home Phone _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email Address _____

School _____

School Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

School Phone _____

(\$100 deposit per person with this form)

Method of Payment

_____ Check payable to Edufest 2008

_____ Purchase Order Number _____ Amount _____

Registration Deadline -- July 18, 2008 (Deduct \$25 per person if registration is postmarked by June 2, 2008)

Four Options - Select the one that meets your needs

_____ **\$450 Commuter.** Includes conference, Thursday banquet, no other meals

_____ **\$565 Commuter with meals.** Includes conference, lunches, and dinners

_____ **\$595 Resident without meals.** Includes conference, Thursday banquet and no other meals, and double occupancy dorm room without private bath

_____ **\$710 Resident with meals.** Includes conference, all meals, and double occupancy dorm room without private bath

_____ **I wish to have a private dorm room, please add \$80 to my registration fee** (Sorry...none of the dorm rooms have private baths).

_____ **Female** _____ **Male**

Preferred Roommate _____

School District/Affiliation _____

All options include a snack before Sunday evening's keynote and a Thursday evening banquet.

**Make check or purchase order payable to Edufest 2008 and mail to
Edufest 2008, PO Box 45086, Boise, ID 83711-5086
Fax 208-378-0579**

NOTE: Edufest participants may register for one to three graduate credits for an additional fee. Course registration and payment occur during the Edufest conference. These courses meet the requirements for the Idaho gifted and talented endorsement requirements.

General Information

Conference check-in is from 2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, July 27. The first session begins Sunday evening at 5 p.m. The conference ends on Friday, August 1 at noon. Email info.edufest@gmail.com or call 208-376-0579 for additional information.

Fees

Registration fees include all cost of instruction, morning and afternoon refreshment breaks, materials packet, a snack on Sunday before the keynote, and Thursday evening's dinner. The residential packages can include all meals and overnight accommodations. Only breakfast is served on Friday. A deposit of \$100.00 per person is required with each registration form. Payment in full or a purchase order is required **BEFORE** Edufest 2008 begins.

Special Discounts

Deduct \$25 per person if registration is postmarked by June 2, 2008.

Refunds and Cancellations

All monies will be refunded if paid registrations are cancelled by 4 p.m. MDT, July 18. If the participant does not attend and does not cancel on or before the above date, the \$100.00 deposit will be surrendered. All requests for refunds must be submitted by September 1, 2008. Edufest 2008, PO Box 45086, Boise, ID 83711-5086, Fax 208-378-0579, or email info.edufest@gmail.com

Housing

Accommodations will be provided in the Boise State University residence halls. Some single rooms are available for an additional \$80 fee. We will assign you a roommate if you do not specify a roommate on the registration form. Registrations must be received by July 11 in order to stay in the BSU dorms.

Academic Credit

You may elect to receive one to three graduate-level credits from Northwest Nazarene University or Boise State University for an additional fee. The graduate-level credits meet course requirements (or an elective course requirement) for the Idaho gifted and talented endorsement, as well as the requirements for recertification and pay scale increases. **Credit registration and payment occur during Edufest 2008. NNU also will offer course registration on their website.**